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Date: 11/12/04**In re Application of:** Birendra Agarwala, et al.**Filed:** 10/27/03**For:** EDGE SEAL FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**Serial Number:** 10/694,500**Confirmation No.** 2662**Art Unit:** 2812**Examiner:** Gurley, Lynne Ann

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 to 18 are pending in the instant
application and that restriction is required under 35 USC §121 to the following inventions:

I. Claims 1 to 8 and 17, drawn to a method of making an edge seal; and

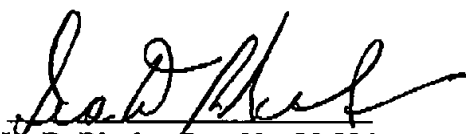
II. Claims 9 to 16 and 18, drawn to an edge seal.

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Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that a Preliminary Amendment was filed with the instant application and in the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 to 8 and 17 were canceled. The remaining claims in the instant application are claims 9 to 16 and 18 which fit nicely into the above Group II. As claims 9 to 16 and 18 are the only claims remaining in the instant application, restriction is not necessary and accordingly, it is requested that the above-noted restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Further action with respect to the present application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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